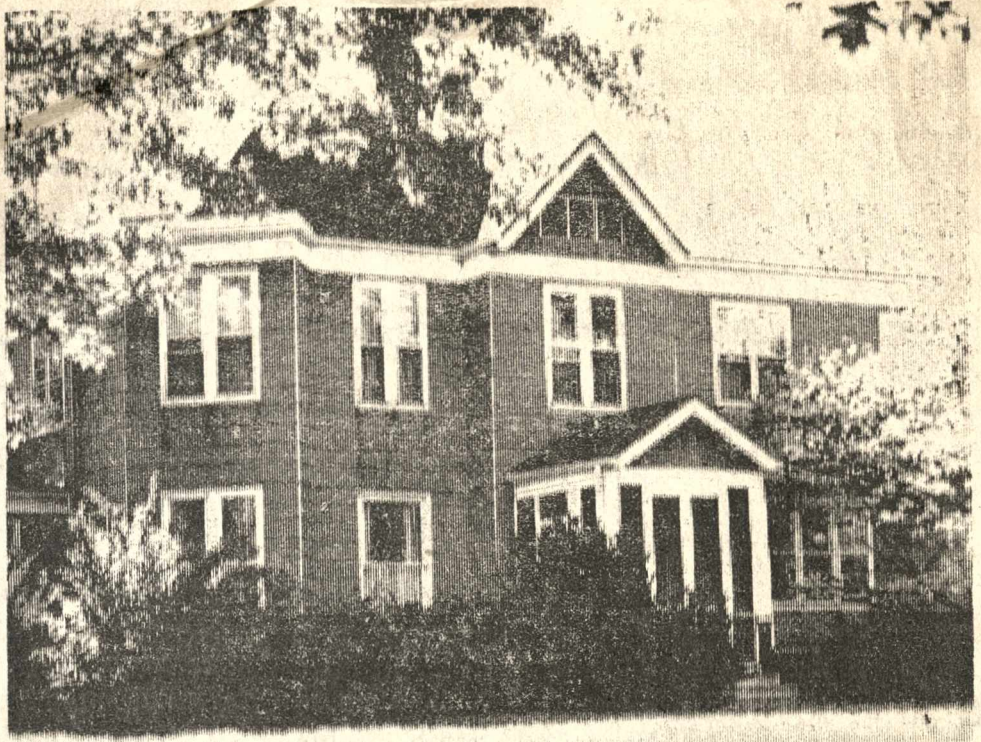




SOON TO CLOSE—Crittenton Home in Terre Haute will discontinue its services within a few months. It has operated as a maternity home for unwed mothers for the past 12 years.

House of Photography Photo.

Crittenton Home Closing Scheduled in Near Future

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A young girl walks through the bronze and red fallen leaves to the sprawling grey house tucked behind shrubs and redwood fencing.

She glances at her watch as she opens the door to a sun-speckled porch — 8:45 a.m. — breakfast should be nearly over. A light touch to the bell sends an echo along the hall and brings a familiar face to the door.

"Hello, I thought I would stop by. Can I see my old room," the caller asks.

The scene has been a common one over the years at 1923 Poplar Street, the address of Crittenton Home. Girls who lived there until their illegitimate child was born have often renewed friendships with the staff through visits and letters.

In the near future, however, should a young woman decide to visit Crittenton, she will find a considerable change.

As sure as the remaining leaves will fall from the towering Maple trees, Crittenton Home will close as winter sets in. Like many agencies providing homes for unwed mothers, the Florence Crittenton Association of America, Inc., has been forced to discontinue its services in numerous cities.

The increased financial burden of its operation, changes in birth control practices and abor-



MRS. ROBERT GORE, Director

tion laws and the fact more unwed mothers are keeping their babies are reasons behind the action.

Mrs. Robert Gore has been director of the home for 12 years. She began to see a drop in occupancy rates in 1969, particularly among the college age residents. That was the year abortion laws were relaxed in many states.

Before then, Crittenton Home had averaged 128 to 138 residents a year and nearly all placed their babies up for adoption. Today, the average age of the unwed mother has dipped to the 14-to-15-year-old level and she is keeping her child.

"Some keep them because of peer pressure. Others feel once the father sees the child he will instantly fall in love with her."

Mrs. Gore explained. The illegitimacy that was once a closely guarded secret from the girl's community is no longer so. She has visitors and corresponds with her friends during her stay. Too few realize the responsibility they will face if they keep the child.

Those turning to maternity homes as solution to their problems continue to represent all walks of life but fewer are from wealthy families. "These girls are having abortions today," the director said.

Maternity homes across the country have moved into other areas of service as the number of residents declined. In Terre Haute, the 90-year-old structure will be sold and the money reserved for future use.

If the need arises for a smaller home in the future the funds will be there, Mrs. Gore said. Board members have also considered turning their attention to a program for pre-delinquent girls or offering some type of day program for unwed mothers. Contact has been made with area judges to check their reactions to a delinquency program. Mrs. Gore is not too optimistic about its development. Cost of a day program is a stumbling block in the way of its development.

Meanwhile, the two remaining residents have only two months before delivery of their babies and board members are preparing to dispose of some furniture and other items in the

Market Trends

cause of the problems involved, the definition of the term was left purposefully vague, but it is likely to embrace trade, social and foreign policies.

The leaders asked for a progress report from Common Market experts by 1975. Then they will hold another summit conference, presumably to decide whatever further measures are needed.

President Georges Pompidou of France, Britain's Prime Minister Edward Heath, Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany and the other leaders made clear they envision their grouping as an element of stability and prosperity in the world. They said the enlarged community will maintain traditionally close relations with the United States, but added: "The hour has come for Europe to assert itself in the world."

The nine have to settle many disputes with the United States, notably on trade and monetary policies, but the common approach will be one of understanding, not hostility.

They also pledged to seek improved relations with the Soviet Union and the Eastern block, and declared the community wants to do its share in helping the development of the poor nations of the world.

Dillin Grants Morgan Judge Answer Time

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Federal Judge S. Hugh Dillin has given Morgan Superior Court Judge Noble K. Littell 20 days to answer charges that he violated the constitutional rights of a federal prisoner by delaying his trial.

William R. Bliss, 42, filed a civil suit in Dillin's court, seeking to have the Federal Court dismiss charges he faces in Indiana and stop extradition procedures aimed at returning him to Indiana.

He is now serving a two-year sentence for transporting a stolen car across state lines and is being held in a federal prison at Sandstone, Minn. He faces Hoosier charges of assault and battery with intent to rape, second degree burglary, jail breaking and vehicle theft.

Morgan County officials said Bliss escaped from the county courthouse where he was being tried on the burglary charge in May, 1971, and was caught later that month in Alabama.

Bliss said Judge Littell has refused to promptly extradite him to Indiana in order to dispose of the charges and later set an "indefinite time" for the trial, without Bliss' consent.

In his suit, Bliss cited several criminal court cases showing

the defendant must consent to delays. Failure to provide a "speedy trial" on criminal charges is grounds for dismissal, he said.

PURDUE GIVEN \$5 MILLION DEAL BY BRAZIL

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI)—A \$5 million contract to extend research assistance to Brazil has been negotiated by the Purdue University School of Agriculture and Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture.

Dean R. L. Kohls of the Purdue school said 11 Purdue researchers will go to Brazil and work with researchers for Brazilian agricultural institutions, effective immediately. Outside funds will finance the entire program.

First member of the Purdue party, agronomist Robert E. Schaffert, will go to Brazil next week and spend 2 to 5 years helping develop research programs aimed at improving plant varieties and cultural practices.

Ten other faculty members will be named soon.

TWO KILLED

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — Two men en route from Delaware to a hunting trip in South Dakota were killed Saturday morning when their light plane crashed in a farm field about nine miles south of here.

Killed were Glen Reynolds, 49, of Millsboro, Del., and Richard L. Sissel, 36, of Centerville, Ohio.

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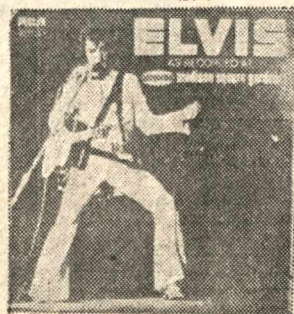
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